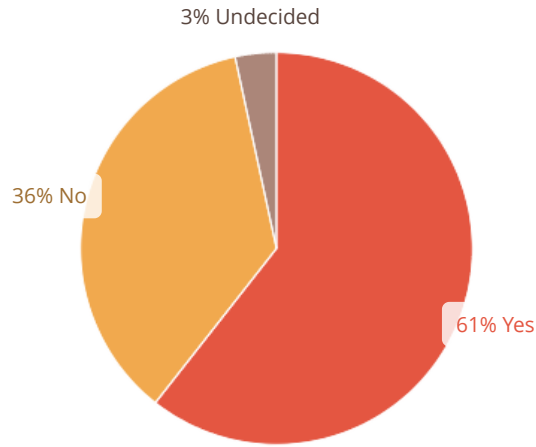


# Rt. 3 and Orange Plank Road Intersection Safety Modification Copy

## Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS
1,639	241	753	222

Do you support this project?



236 respondents

Do you have any concerns regarding this project?

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Before spending money, why not just change the flashing yellow light at 3 west left turn onto 621 to a solid red light and then allow a turn on red flashing — not orange flashing. I have seen too many vehicles making the left turn onto 621 racing to cross before the oncoming east bound 3 traffic. Making them stop and think would cut down on some the reckless behavior

10 days ago

The sooner the better

11 days ago

This project sounds great! It eliminates the flashing yellow light, which I think is terrible. All other enhancements with this upgrade also contribute to a safer intersection. Thank you for addressing this issue!

11 days ago

I don't want Jennifer's place disturbed. Some recognition of her name for this intersection would be nice.

11 days ago

It would make that intersection much safer.

11 days ago

No

11 days ago

No

11 days ago

Only that it happens quickly so people are safe.

11 days ago

No

11 days ago

No

11 days ago

No

11 days ago

I have almost been hit on multiple occasions trying to get onto rt 3. Highly support this change.

11 days ago

Is it safe for drivers making u-turns on Route 3. Some spots are quite hilly and visibility may not be what it should be. Maybe drivers should be directed to one that has the best visibility.

11 days ago

No- great idea

12 days ago

People do illegal u-turns at this light!! Not being able to turn left is going to cause more issues.

12 days ago

Please please make sure to elongate the left turn lane from WB Rt3 to alleviate the back-ups that occur for people slowing down to get into the short turn lane currently in place.

12 days ago

Making people do a U turn is a bigger safety issue than what is there now. Putting green arrows for all left turns instead of flashing yellows is the safest and cheapest solution.

14 days ago

Moves the dangerous intersection to the U-turn crossover as well as traffic lines. people will not want to make u-turn and will cheat, especially late in evening. Inclement, ice, snow road conditions will make all of these this worse. Flashing reds will be misunderstood and cause accidents.

14 days ago

The intersection has already been changed once. I think it's a bad idea to change that flashing yellow signal to a flashing red signal, it's only going to confuse people. The majority of people are not going to understand that a flashing red arrow means that you can turn left if the way is clear. Just make it a solid red yellow or green light, do not put a flashing arrow because that implicates there is a choice about when you get to turn.

14 days ago

"Better road design" will not prevent stupid driving habits like speeding, inattentive driving or running red lights. Most of these accidents are avoidable if drivers would pay attention and follow existing laws.

15 days ago

I do not like the concept of left turn arrows.

15 days ago

By not allowing people to turn left onto Route three but only turning right and then having to make a U-turn at the next crossover, he's going to cause back ups in the left lane on route three heading east. Those crossovers have terrible sight lines with all the trees in the median. You will be creating more potential for crashes by making a U-turn there.

16 days ago

Since the intersection is so wide and the view is partially blocked, there should be some monitoring of how well the proposed project is functioning. Jennifer Goonan was a very good friend and a very intelligent person. The confusion on the yellow flashing arrow has been a dangerous situation since it was implemented.

16 days ago

Terrible design idea. Extend the left turn lane from 3 west on to 621 and add rumble strips on 3 east after the hill crest before 621.

17 days ago

I am concerned that the solution for this problem will not be utilized at other sites and therefore leaving risk on the table at other intersections like Smith Station / Spotsylvania Parkway and Levels Road.

18 days ago

No

18 days ago

At Wagners are you extending the turn lane? If vehicles are U turning there from Orange Plank Road to go west, I am concerned about low-speed vehicles using the left lane to turn

18 days ago

Making a u-turn from eastbound Rt. 3 to go westbound is going to be extremely difficult and dangerous. The speed limits on this stretch of road make this impossible.

19 days ago

Great proposal, and please consider extending the length of the turning lane on rt 3 westbound turning left onto orange plank. The why of cars there sometimes backs up so much that you are sticking out or completely in a non-turning lane with very fast oncoming traffic approaching from behind. It's a super dangerous risk for being rear-ended. Thank you very much for taking on this project!

19 days ago

The proposed change would not sufficiently change the greatest hazard at the intersection; the same hazard that prompted the 2018 study, which is turning left onto Orange Plank Road. And for those making a left turn from Orange Plank onto Rt 3 westbound, the proposal would subject them to traffic traveling at full speed in three instances (first turning right onto Rt 3, then rushing over to the U turn while crossing over through the eastbound fast lane, then crossing two lanes of westbound traffic on Rt 3 to get to the new thing on the side of the road, then to merge into westbound traffic). That's just for a single vehicle but when you multiply that by several vehicles attempting to make the same maneuvers it seems this would create a greater hazard than currently exists for those turning left onto Rt 3 westbound. Any changes should target those turning left onto Orange Plank Road such as lengthening the dedicated turn lane that is way too short to be safe when several cars are making that turn.

19 days ago

I feel that money can be better spent in other areas. Prohibiting U-turns I agree with at that particular intersection however the remainder of the proposed improvement seems very unnecessary and a waste of tax payer money. Making that left turn is no different than any other left turn on Rt 3. That fatal collision was unfortunate however was only the fault of the poor girl that lost her life, nothing to do with the design of the intersection. I am a professional truck driver and have been all over the country, it's my professional opinion this proposed improvement is completely unnecessary.

19 days ago

The real issue at this intersection is the lack of turn lane length especially on route 3. Cars are always going above the speed limit and it's always scary making a turn especially when the land is full. People do illegal uturns all the time, try to beat the light and don't yield properly

19 days ago

Yes, I have serious concerns. Having a flashing yellow left turn signal at that intersection is the problem, and that is what needs to be eliminated. All the proposals in this new plan to make Orange Plank a right turn only, extend the Route 3 westbound left turn lane into the median, etc., is all to accommodate the flashing yellow left turn signal from Route 3 onto Orange Plank. That will NEVER be safe. Never. I have driven this route for over 20 years. I knew dear Jennifer Goonan, and she lost her life because of a flashing yellow across a wide highway with a high speed limit. At that, or any, intersection, turning left on a flashing yellow light requires extraordinary skill in estimating distance, calculating acceleration, and determining if one can make it across the road before getting hit by an oncoming vehicle, all which have to be done within seconds. After the decision is made, one is at the mercy of their car responding quickly to the pressure on the gas pedal, and the prayer that the calculations they performed in their head in just a few seconds were correct. All of this is necessary to make a left turn across a road on a flashing yellow light with oncoming, high-speed traffic. It is an absurd and reckless option to even present to drivers. The new proposal states that having people wait at a RED light to make a left turn is dangerous because people rear-end each other. Seriously? 1) If that happens, it's on them, because there's not much calculation, etc., needed to inch up to a turn signal safely. 2) The left turn lane could be extended back to the east, so there is a longer lane to accommodate cars turning left. 3) People who don't want to wait at the light can drive another route. Extending the left turn lane and making the turn signal a regular traffic light with green for go, and red for stop, would cost less than a quarter-million dollars. Lastly, spending a quarter-million dollars to change an intersection that will STILL be dangerous because it implements a flashing yellow left turn signal is not a good allocation of tax payers' hard-earned money. It would be better to add money to the project and put in a fly-over, or overpass for through traffic in both directions, so the cars turning left never have to cross oncoming traffic. That would be safer than a flashing yellow left turn across a major highway. No amount of bandaids are going to make this intersection safer. The problem is the flashing yellow left turn. Get rid of that. Make it a regular green for go, red for stop turn signal.

20 days ago

The left-turn / U-turn storage at the turn around locations should be increased so that vehicles can decelerate into them and to ensure that they don't back up into the thru lanes of Route 3

20 days ago

Unless Rt3 Eastbound traffic is either dropped to 45mph coming down the hill, or there is some physical form of speed mitigation, accidents will continue to occur. WB left turn people try to rush, but EB traffic going 70mph coming down the hill messes with depth perception and expectations for timing. The R-cut or whatever sounds fine, but it's the speed of EB folks!

20 days ago

Yes I do

20 days ago

It seems very unnecessary

20 days ago

Yes, it's counterintuitive to turn right and travel in the opposite direction from the direction of travel. In addition, depending on the level of traffic, those cars that have been forced to turn right will likely be speeding up and possibly cutting in front of traffic, to make it to the lane in order to make the u-turn. Having been in moderate traffic when someone has cut across lanes to make a turn, I believe this design is more dangerous than a stop light.

20 days ago

My husband is buried at Laurel Hill Memorial Park. I live in Arrowwood Subdivision off Brock Road. This change will make it more difficult to visit my husband's grave.

21 days ago

Thank you for moving this project forward. It is needed and welcomed!

21 days ago

The visibility at the U-Turn seeing Westbound traffic, also needs for a dedicated turn lane for the turn to prevent rear end collisions from east bound traffic.

22 days ago

It could cause confusion for senior citizens and cause accidents

22 days ago

The turning lane on Rt 3 needs to be extended. Traffic currently backs up onto Rt 3 during rush hour. Additionally, I think we should keep the left turn option from Orange Plank onto Rt 3. Forcing traffic to do a U-turn will be dangerous to motorists on both the eastbound and westbound lanes of Rt 3, especially during rush hour.

22 days ago

This project is a waste of money. You can't fix human error in driving by restricting movement! Making cars u-turn to go westbound on Route 3 is going to be more problematic because they would be turning into traffic going 55 mph.

22 days ago

I think that during busy traffic time (8am, 5pm, weekends, etc) there shouldn't be a flashing yellow arrow, much like the intersection of rt20 and plank road a few miles west

22 days ago

I hope the lights will be visible across the way from the turn lanes when the opposite traffic is driving by.

22 days ago

I already have to go past this intersection to make the U-turn to go East on Rt. 3. Traffic on 3 in both directions moves at very high speed and U-turns can be very dangerous because there is no acceleration lane. Lengthening the turn lane for Orange Plank Rd. seems a safer solution. Widening the intersection to have two turn lanes and two south bound lanes on Orange Plank that merge to one should also be considered.

22 days ago

People turning left onto Rt 3 W form Orange plank isn't an issue. The issue is people trying to beat oncoming traffic when turning left onto Orange Plank, or the light. This won't change the accidents that have occurred because people are not paying attention and are careless. It is also going to back up traffic on Rt 3 trying to turn because the turn lane is not very long and with a light control for turning is going to create a ripple effect. I hope the plan includes sensors on the road to help adjust the light timing.

22 days ago

Don't like the u-turn option. Doesn't work well closer to town near Cherry Rr. Also, during rush hour you would never get onto Dr. 3 westbound.

22 days ago

Forcing a u turn to go west on route 3 is more dangerous than the existing situation. Heavy and fast traffic often exists on westbound rt 3 making a u-turn challenging.

23 days ago

Many. This will make a bigger than there is. Trying to turn around in the cut throws will cause accidents. Use the money on a project that will have a bigger impact and make more sense.

23 days ago

Though not many cars turn left from Orange Plank Rd onto westbound Route 3, sending that traffic onto eastbound Route 3 to do a u-turn at the next crossover could heighten risks for collisions. There is already a MAJOR problem with westbound Rt3 traffic crowding into and traveling in the left hand lane (illegal in VA, but not enforced along this corridor) for about 3-5 miles before this intersection. Adding cars that pull out from a u-turn into this traffic is dangerous and unnecessary.

23 days ago

It's a fully light controlled intersection. No need for change . Put in cameras for light runners and speed. That section of 3 sees speeds exceeding 75 mph EVERY day.

24 days ago

A red flashing light for left turns from Route 3 onto orange plank would be adequate. Preventing left turns onto 3 and forcing a right turn will just further complicate the intersection and cause more issues when the person who intends to turn left at route 3 then has to do u turn and avoid the left turn lane back onto orange plank

24 days ago

I am the farmer across 621 and will not be able to go straight across down 621. The Hawkins have been farming since 1830 and use the intersection continually. We farmer east 613 and use 621 to get to the farm land. We also farm on east and west parts of rt3 which will cause major abstruption without the existing lights at 621 and rt3. Asking the farmer with slow moving equipment to extend driving on rt3 will increase traffic accidents.

24 days ago

Speed limits, less.lights typically lead to heavier feet.

24 days ago

This is a bad idea for two reasons 1, Cause increase turn arounds at both west and east next crossovers which will cause more accidents and two, the farmer across 621 will cause traffic issues when getting out on rt 3 and 621 because there is no light to cross from 621 to farmers driveway. Bad idea to not have control at this light. This change will increasing traffic problems for other areas.

24 days ago

Cars entering route 3 to go west using the cross over will be entering on coming traffic that is going most of the time over the speed limit do not see how this is going to reduce accidents.

24 days ago

U turn will cause more hazards. Pulling vehicles up closer to traffic is dangerous.

25 days ago

I think VDOT is addressing the wrong matter here. First, this is a 3-way, not a 4-way, as the example video presents. Second, with this change VDOT would create more of a hazard for those who cannot turn Left out of Orange Plank road, and now must turn right and do a U Turn onto a 2 lane road where cars are traveling at a high rate of speed, when it would be safer for them to wait for a turn signal at the light to turn left. VDOT should consider adding a longer dedicated left turn lane for the cars turning left onto Orange Plank Road from route 3; take away the blinking orange turn-signal giving vehicle the option to turn left at their discretion; and then adding a caution signage and light for vehicles traveling West bound on route 3 towards the intersection, to alert them of the light turning Red. Most often, this is the accidental cause of that intersection. The proposed type of project is the wrong idea for this intersection. Please rethink this!

25 days ago

I think the proposed not left turn and proposed u turn increases the risk of accidents dramatically and does not solve the safety concern which surrounds this intersection.

25 days ago

What is the problem? Why are you making it more confusing and difficult? You will force people from Orange Plank who want to go to Rt3 West to drive East and cross over at the next access. This merge is dangerous since people driving on Rt3 West are travelling at very high speeds. I have lived here for over 30 years and have never had a problem with this intersection. Do not adopt.

25 days ago

Yes, this will likely increase traffic at the intersection of brock and route 3...will that intersection be adjusted too? Is there anything that can be done to accommodate traffic issues at the intersection of orange plank and Brock?

25 days ago

The County will take a situation that works and turn it into catastrophe. Please do NOT do this!

25 days ago

Flashing Red or Flashing Yellow.....trying to estimate the speed and intentions of east bound Rte 3 18 wheelers is a suicide mission. Expand the westbound left turn to Orange Plank lanes and STOP Rte three traffic to allow west-bound Rte 3 travelers to get home alive!

25 days ago

No concerns if schedule is reasonable.

25 days ago

This is a large unobstructed open view intersection already. I don't drive this intersection every day ( I.e. am not a commuter) but it looks to work safely and efficiently. The u-turn provision, Plank Road traffic turn East on Rt 3 and then make a u-turn (not exactly where?) in order to go West on Rt 3, is weird and in my opinion dumb. Has anyone proposed building an overpass flyover freeway cloverleaf bypass roadway yet?

25 days ago

Is there any thought to increasing the length of the left turn lane? I'm referencing the if drivers are turning left (Rt 3 WB) onto Orange Plank.

25 days ago

My concerns would be the impact on traffic flow during he construction phase. How long would construction take? What are the detour options during construction? Will work be limited to outside of rush hour?

25 days ago

Much needed safety improvement project. Project needed immediately

25 days ago

Yes, it will increase traffic accidents with those trying to figure out where turn around is then trying to get back on rt 3. It will need another light at u-turn to enable safe execution. Only other way for traffic to go is Brock road and that 4 way stop is already backed up due to current traffic. This is just moving the accidents from one area to two and not resolving the problem. The turn lane from rt 3 to rt 621 should be lengthened and possibly widened to allow two turn lanes vice 1 to provide area for cars turning and the rt 621 portion should be widened to enable safe turning in both directions.

25 days ago

Confused about the proposal, since there currently is a flashing yellow arrow to turn left on Orange Plank going westbound on Rt 3, so it's not currently the "protected pattern" as described above (only turning left when green). What I do believe needs to happen is an elongating of the turnout there to turn left, because during peak traffic hours when returning from work in the afternoon, the turnout is not long enough to accommodate all the cars turning left, and I constantly fear about people being rear-ended.

25 days ago

The turn lane on WB RT 3 needs to be longer too. Maybe I missed that. Daily, the traffic wanting to turn on to Orange Plank overflow into the WB left lane.  
Other than that, I think it's great.

25 days ago

I do not think this is going to reduce accidents at all if that is the projects intended outcome. I think this would just be a waste of money to be honest. I think this will cause further delays for vehicles trying to exit off Orange Plank heading east on rt 3.

25 days ago

This is welcomed and necessary at this intersection!

25 days ago

It does not look like an ideal solution. I can imagine backups at the u-turn. Also, the u-turn is not signaled. Could that cause additional accidents? The left turn from route 3 onto Brock rd going west should not have any blinking signal. Only solid red, yellow or green. Driver in that area need a clear yes or no, not a maybe. Additionally, why would you ask for our opinions? Don't you have trained civil engineers, traffic engineers and/or trained highway design individuals on staff that understand how the designs would work with the amount of traffic surveyed by traffic survey equipment? How about a New Jersey Jug Handle?

25 days ago

I think that removing the left turn from orange plank to westbound route 3 would cause more issues as the motorist would then have to turn right and do the u turn at the next cut through. With how people drive on this road it would be very dangerous trying to pull out of that cut through as people either won't see you or won't slow down for you to get caught up to speed.

25 days ago

Not idiot-proof. I think that people traveling west on Rte3 wishing to turn left on to 621—who are unfamiliar with the intersection—will think they had already passed up the turn and attempt an illegal maneuver get to to 621. Nighttime darkness will add to the confusion. (In addition, few drivers know what the heck to do at a flashing red light. e.g., Do you stop and wait for it to turn totally red? Do you stop and wait for a green light?)

25 days ago

How do you propose to handle the additional traffic flowing onto Brock Road instead of doing the U-turn at the cut through on Route 3 to head West Bound.

25 days ago

Should control speed and light violators by ticketing through cameras before investing in this

25 days ago



If you take away the yellow flashing arrow for yielding (which apparently people don't know how to do) then you need to extend the left turning lane westbound rt3 to support the traffic sitting waiting on a green light.

Money seems a little excessive. Just fix the lights and put a triangular curb to block and stop the lefts from Orange plank. Add signage.

25 days ago

No. I think it is a much needed project that should also be utilitarian 20 and 3.

25 days ago

No left turns from Orange Plank not going to fly.

26 days ago

Don't think it's necessary. People just need to pay attention. There is nothing that obstructs the view

26 days ago

No.

26 days ago

NO, as long as it makes it safer for people, Im good with it

26 days ago

Needs a turn lane to go west on rt 3 off of orange plank road.

26 days ago

I don't see it helping. Either extending the turn lane on 3 or widening it to a double lane would make more sense. You would have to move the Orange Plank road over to the right, expand the intersection to accommodate that, and continue allowing a left turn onto 3. Instead of VDOT using cheap "fixes", it would be more beneficial to invest more money in real road solutions.

26 days ago

Yes because these no left turn intersections are frustrating. Trying to get onto rt 3 with a u-turn is asking for trouble.

26 days ago

Making people go down to the next turnaround to do a u-turn is just moving crashes from one intersection to another and the way I see people drive on route-3 this new proposed traffic light will solve nothing. People take risky left turns onto Orange plank as it is, I see nothing in this plan that will change that.

26 days ago

I am very concerned about forcing the "U-Turn at the next crossover to head westbound on Rt. 3". This stretch of Route 3 routinely sees traffic in excess of 70 mph regularly from cars traveling both east and westbound on Rt 3. Cars traveling westbound on Rt 3 in the left lane planning to turn left onto Orange Plank Road driving at high speed to keep pace with traffic may not slow or see vehicles trying to make a U-Turn. Also, cars driving in the right lane of Rt. 3, realize too late that their left turn is rapidly approaching, and they move over into the left lane of Rt. 3 at high speed, in advance of the turn lane. That area of Rt. 3 is not well lighted and the cars drive the road like it's a speedway. I think this approach is very well through out but please reconsider expecting drivers to make a U-Turn into a roadway where the speed limit is 55 mph (and traffic typically exceeds this speed) on a busy stretch of roadway.

26 days ago

It looks to be a safer setup than what is there. I have to drive through that intersection everyday and now have two teenage drivers and the current setup seems very dangerous as there is a horrific crash every other day.

26 days ago

Instead of focusing on an exit how about just making the turn lane on westbound rt. 3 turning left onto orange plank longer and clear out the stand of trees right before it. That whole intersection needs to be cleared. Also instead of focusing so much money on that one go down to the orange plank and Brock road and address the intersection that's killing people.

26 days ago

Yes. I think it is a mistake to route traffic (here both eastbound and westbound Rte 3 traffic turning left) so that they are not on the correct side of the street. At the intersection, both left turn lanes will be on the "left" side of the street, instead of the right side.

ALSO, if there is \$ for this project, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE prioritize it to do something about the 4-way stop at Orange Plank and Brock, where are routinely accidents, and several fatal ones. This is so much more important!! I know there is federal parkland and there may be limits on what can be done, but at least some rumble strips would help. Please do SOMETHING! I beg you.

26 days ago

These changes may drive the need to extend the left turn lane on Rte 3W to prevent left turn traffic from backing up into the normal travel lanes.

26 days ago

We desperately need a light at the interaction of Brock and Orange Plank Roads. This may need to be coordinated with the proposed change.

26 days ago

Timeliness and construction delays for school busses in particular.

26 days ago

With the heavy traffic, will vehicles making a u-turn be assisted with a light? It seems like they could get stuck if none.

26 days ago

This is going to cause more problems onto route 3. People will have to be in fast lane to do u turn. Don't know exactly where turn around is, then slam on brakes or go very slowly trying to find it. Then compete with rt 3 west bound traffic to get back on route 3. This is an awful change. It is much more unsafe. It would be better to extend the turn lanes so there is more room for vehicles and keep left hand turns at light.

26 days ago

There are often people turning left from orange plank onto rt 3 west; making them go onto rt 3 east to make a u-turn onto west is going to pose more of an issue than just letting them turn left.

26 days ago

What research has been done to show that motorists looking to go westbound on Rt. 3, now being forced to make a U-Turn, are safer than a controlled traffic light at the intersection? As a first responder for over ten years, I am no stranger to seeing accidents happen from a slow moving vehicle making a U-Turn on a road that's notorious for speeding traffic.

26 days ago

I don't understand how a u-turn at the next crossover is safer than being able to make a left turn at a traffic light. Do the people involved in the redesign drive Route 3?

26 days ago

I think the blinking yellow light for left turns has confused people in the past and they try to run the light. I would like to see East bound traffic reminded to slow down before approaching light as I have seen some folks run right through it. Need a longer left turn lane onto Orange Plank in the west bound lanes as well. With increased houses being built more folks turning left and I have seen it stopped on Rt 3

26 days ago

None

26 days ago

Yes...the high level and speed of westbound traffic between Orange Plank Road and the proposed U-turn crossover would make it very difficult for those vehicles to merge safely. All this is doing is kicking the can from one intersection to another. Plus it will be more dangerous because there will be no traffic light to control the flow of traffic.

26 days ago

You would now be unable to turn left on to rt 3 w from orange plank that can mess up first responders coming from co 7 on orange plank in the need of an emergency

26 days ago

Make it an intersection that does not include a u-turn lane from the eastbound side as I see issues with that causing continued accidents. People just don't care anymore and do as they please. Good luck.

26 days ago

The crossover for the upturn fir westbound rt 3 traffic will result in massive traffic accidents and a build up of traffic on rt 3 east bound. This is a horrible designs go back and re think it!!! Too much traffic, vibrating pads on roads.maybe.

26 days ago

By forcing orange plank to u turn at a non light, you're creating an additional risk for motorists

26 days ago

Is this project creating a further problem by making those who desire to go west bound on Rt 3 from Rt 621 do a U turn further down the road. I think the bad driving habits will just push accidents further east.

26 days ago

No

26 days ago

Turning right to make a U Turn is not going to be easy. New accidents will happen at this point

26 days ago

It's not safe

26 days ago

Cause the turn around (go east then U turn to go west for actual destination) areas to become the cause of crashes. Cars pulling out from there to the westbound lane while cars are already at high speeds. Don't see problem with current existing layout.

26 days ago

Yes . It seems no one is concerned about the left turn lanes onto orange plank road from route 3 west . Having to stop and wait for a green arrow causes significant back up onto route 3... with high rates of speed (55plus ) folks can and would get rear ended . This was the case when they first installed the lights at this intersection . Too many Large trucks are on this road ( route 3) and speed through this intersection . Do a study on large tractor trailers ... it will surprise you . Look at the volume of traffic coming from Culpeper to Fredericksburg .. it has greatly increased over the past 4 years . caution signs .. signal ahead are needed . Rumble strips could also be installed . There needs to be a way for traffic to turn left at this intersection and not u-turn up by the national park . There is not a long enough turn lane to avoid getting hit and too much traffic on route 3 will also make it near impossible for those needing to head westbound .

Some serious thought is needed for this intersection not a band aid .

26 days ago

Yes it's a complete waste of money!!!

26 days ago

The lack of left turn from Orange is a solid no from me especially if you are pulling a trailer or driving a larger vehicle. On top of the hazards it is also wasting fuel in an already expensive road network. Also, was any thoughts put on the ability of emergency vehicles safety maneuvering the intersection of the turn lanes will have cars in the middle of the intersection. More work needs to be done on this before we dump money into repainting some lines and throwing a wrench into the flow of traffic.

26 days ago

Slower speed limit will help, but with no enforcement folks won't slow down

26 days ago

I don't see it as needed and see more accidents when people have to go right on rt3 to the cut through to go west and are pulling out in front of oncoming traffic. Seems to just be moving where the accidents will occur.

26 days ago

Please EXTEND left turn lane on to Orange Plank- very hazardous for stopped vehicles in overflow from this lane with cars passing in excess of 55+mph with limited visibility and no barriers.

26 days ago

Anytime I have to make a right turn then cross lanes to make a u-turn instead of just turning left at a traffic light, I feel like we just spent a lot of money to make life more inconvenient while creating more risk by potentially having left lane traffic stopped at a cross over to make a u-turn instead of installing those flashing warning lights like have been done recently along route 3 in both directions.

26 days ago

We need a left turning lane on Rt 3 WB

26 days ago

Return west bound left turn onto orange plank back to solid green, solid yellow and solid red. Back to basics!!

26 days ago

Great change. Will be much safer

26 days ago

So if exiting Orange Plank to go West onto Rt 3 traffic must go East on Rt 3 and use the median? Will that be sufficient for the emergency vehicles leaving Orange Plank that need to tend to issues West bound?

26 days ago

The Rcut will be turning right in front of wb Rt 3 that is queuing in the left lane for the left turn to Orange Plank. That can be a heavy flow and encourage the u-turn folks to jump in front of oncoming left turn traffic to get to the right lane where they may be westbound 3 mainline traffic moving at speed. Trading one really bad conflict point at the Orange Plank for another less bad conflict point at the Rcut.

26 days ago

I fail to understand why traffic lights at this intersection are not the same as most other intersections where U-turns are allowed controlled by left turn lights and red lights with no right on red turns for the other street(s) involved.

26 days ago

I believe that in addition, the left turn lane from route 3 west turning left onto Orange Plank rd needs to be extended. This is especially important if the flashing yellow is going to be changed to a flashing red so that each car has to stop before proceeding. That will slow the flow down and potentially back traffic up onto route 3.

26 days ago

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What additional information would you like to see, if any?

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Why in the world are you considering deleting a controlled left turn from 621 to 3 west and making vehicles that want to go west have to make a right turn and pull out into oncoming rt 3 east traffic then change lanes and make an uncontrolled uturn into rt 3 traffic heading west. Think you are looking for more accidents

10 days ago

It's 2022. How about technology to sense oncoming cars and their relative distance, corresponding to either a flashing green or red arrow.

11 days ago

Jennifer's name and a memorial to honor her

11 days ago

None

11 days ago

None

11 days ago

I think this a great alternative to what we currently have.

11 days ago

None

11 days ago

I would like to see ALL yellow arrow blinking lights turned to red arrow blinking lights through the state of Virginia and then be an example for other states to follow in our footsteps..

11 days ago

no

12 days ago

Previous comments I provided regarding the EB traffic that speeds down the down - hoping to hear a response about that concern.

12 days ago

I would just like to see safer alternatives for left turns and that local schools be informed to help new drivers understand the changes in the area.

16 days ago

The solution before it is implemented

18 days ago

How many accidents have occurred at this intersection in the past two years

19 days ago

I know it is probably not part of this budget, but the de-acceleration lane needs to be longer too on the westbound lane. Traffic is sometimes backed up in the left lane because the de-acceleration lane is full.

21 days ago

left turn lane should be extended!!! at busy times left turn traffic will be backed up into the travel lanes on plank road

22 days ago

Thank you for looking into making this intersection safer. Jennifer was like a second daughter to us and was our daughter's best friend.

22 days ago

Traffic light with left turn arrow for Rt. west.

22 days ago

I would like to know statistics for accidents at this intersection. I would also like to know what percentage increase of traffic travels though this intersection compared to traffic that traveled though it prior to the traffic light being installed. Have there been fewer or more accidents after the traffic light was installed?

23 days ago

I would like you to have an open hearing on this issue.

24 days ago

Dedicated longer left turn lane for those exiting left from Route 3 to Orange Plank Road.

25 days ago

Have police regulate speed near this intersection. Motorists regularly travel speeds above 70mph in this area

25 days ago

Definitely strong, clear street lighting is needed at the intersection (especially if you execute this plan). Wider berth is needed for turning —presently very tight for larger vehicles. Clear, concise signage. "621 Next Left" and —"621 Next Right" after the U-Turn. Please don't take pride of authorship. Keep an open mind and reserve \$ for immediate tweaking of the plan. Might look good on paper but might not dovetail with years of driving habits.(Driving in NY for over 60 years meant putting up with oodles of craziness from the DMV and nutty drivers. 🤔) Good luck!

25 days ago

How many tickets are currently given out at this intersection? How often is it policed? How does this plan solve speeding?

25 days ago

The yellow arrow light. Taking out the left turn from Orange plank onto rt 3 should alleviate the need to do away with the yeilding arrow.

25 days ago

If approved when would work start/estimated completion.

25 days ago

Reason why they are suggesting it

26 days ago

when would this project start?

26 days ago

I don't need to see anything else

26 days ago

The intersection of Brock Road and Orange Plank Road is also very dangerous and is constantly backed up with traffic. Many of us that live in the area feel a traffic circle would slow dangerous drivers down and keep cars flowing.



26 days ago

The Route 3 west turn lane onto Orange Plank must be extended. I hold my breath every time I am stuck out on Route 3 with the backup traffic turning left. Too many people do not pay attention, and with a consistent green light heading west, we are put in danger.

26 days ago

The cause of the accidents at that intersection to see if it's anything we can solve with changes or not

26 days ago

Research and studies to show that increased volume of traffic making U-Turns on a high-speed roadway outweighs the potential benefits of this proposed change.

26 days ago

Other options being considered.

26 days ago

Flashing flights. Cameras

26 days ago

Instead of blinking red blink a red stop if that's possible. Seeing the word stop stop stop flash is a better fix

26 days ago

you need to change this plan

26 days ago

Spend the money all repave the entire road of Herndon Rd instead of the constant pothole patches.

26 days ago

You might as well lengthen the turn lane while your at it.

26 days ago

What moron is in charge over there.

26 days ago



Traffic flow analysis (peak, off-peak, and holiday).

26 days ago

Will compliment VDOT in seeking comments and feedback... and would hope that VDOT will then make the comments received available along with VDOT's response and any further changes to the design.

26 days ago

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Please provide us with any information that you believe will assist VDOT with the design of this project.

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The line of sight for traffic turning onto 621 from rt 3 west is more than sufficient. You just need to get rid of the flashing orange light.

10 days ago

The design is well explained and I believe this project can't be completed soon enough. Thank you for seeking comments and suggestions.

11 days ago

no

12 days ago

Speed mitigation for EB traffic, and elongating the WB left turn lane.

12 days ago

The extra wide median causes misjudgment on timing for left turners off 3 west. Change to only green arrow rather than changing traffic flow. Changes in flow always create havoc and more accident potential.

14 days ago

Firm control and management of the intersection and lights should be sufficient. I realize that this is not a good intersection historically but don't move the problem a 1/4 mile down the road creating possibly much larger problems, as well as larger accidents.

14 days ago

Don't do it.

14 days ago

The trees in the median could be cut back and the road leveled down in order to see oncoming traffic.

16 days ago

When I am at a blinking yellow and I am deciding to make a left I would like the blinking yellow to turn red 1 or 2 seconds before the peer yellow light changes to red. My attention is on evaluating if I can cross the intersection by making a left. with the smart timing of lights the instance that I make the decision to cross with the left is the same instance when the light decides to change to yellow and now I question my decision which creates anxiety and removes confidence in my decision. If the blinking yellow turned to red on second before I would not venture out into the intersection to make the left and therefore be prevented from making a risky anxious decision.

18 days ago

See my comments above, in the "concerns regarding this project" box. The flashing yellow left turn signal is the problem. Get rid of it. Instead of spending money on a change that will still be dangerous because it still implements a flashing yellow left turn signal, make it a red for stop, green for go left turn signal. Extend the turn lane if you have to. Eliminate the problem, which is the flashing yellow.

20 days ago

Please address speed concerns already noted!

20 days ago

It would appear that the majority of the accidents are failure of drivers traveling West on Rt. 3, turning left on to Rt. 621, to yield right of way to traffic East bound on Rt. 3. I believe that the problem may be addressed prior to an expensive undertaking. 1. Change the orange flashing traffic signal to a RED flashing light. 2. Elongate the left hand turn lane from Rt. 3 onto Orange Plank Road. 3. Increase the time of the controlled green left hand turn which would allow more traffic to turn onto Orange Plank Road. 4. To force all traffic wishing to make a left hand turn from Orange Plank Road to turn East on Rt. 3 for a short distance then requiring a U Turn on a busy Rt. 3 is hazardous to say the least. I travel this intersection daily and the assertion that this intersection has limited visibility is incorrect. Approaching this intersection from East or West on Rt. 3 has a few hundred yards of visibility in both directions. Prior to throwing a large amount of the limited funds available to VDOT this proposal would limit that expense. The more expensive project could always be constructed in the future.

20 days ago

Thank you for all you do for keeping folks safe!

21 days ago

While I support the safety aspect of the proposed RCUT design, I believe it is a bit short-sighted to not also remove the EB LTL at the signal. The volume of EB lefts and EB to WB U-Turns at that location are extremely low. If that movement were also removed, WB traffic on Rte 3 - a Principal Arterial Highway - would not be signal controlled - it would never have to stop.

22 days ago

The turning lane on Rt 3 needs to be extended. Traffic currently backs up onto Rt 3 during rush hour. Additionally, I think we should keep the left turn option from Orange Plank onto Rt 3. Forcing traffic to do a U-turn will be dangerous to motorists on both the eastbound and westbound lanes of Rt 3, especially during rush hour.

22 days ago

No changes needed. This isn't a dangerous intersection. Unfortunately accidents happen.

22 days ago

Traffic traveling on westbound Rt 3 typically accelerates to 65 mph+ once clearing the intersection with SR 610. Continued development in Fawn Lake has resulted in more stopped left turn traffic into the left travel lane of Rt 3. In addition to the proposed RCUT, the left turn lane should be extended further east bound to prevent high speed rear end accidents by drivers intending to continue WB through this intersection.

22 days ago

I'd you have to do this project, please place sensors on the road and expand the left turn lane from Rt 3W to Orange Plank. This has become a hazard with the increased housing and traffic.

22 days ago

I think the Orange Plank Rd/Route 3 intersection should remain the same with the traffic light as it is. The ONLY improvements that would make it safer are: 1) lower the speed limit to 45mph upon approach from both directions, adding rumble strips (like VDOT did for the intersection of Route 29/Remington Rd) 2) increase the length of the left turn lane on westbound Route 3 for traffic turning onto Orange Plank Road, 3) increase the length of the right turn lane on Orange Plank Rd turning onto eastbound Route 3.

I've lived down off Orange Plank Road for 13 years and driven through this intersection tens of thousands of times. Traffic has definitely increased through that intersection. I believe the addition of a traffic light several years ago was good, and putting a flashing yellow for left turns from Route 3 to Orange Plank Road was wise. I've been nearly rear ended by westbound Route 3 traffic as I'm slowing to turn left numerous times, as well as tailgated and honked at. Drivers need to stop traveling on the left lane on Route 3, and need to slow down upon approach through that intersection. Longer turn lanes would move slowing and/or stopped traffic out of thru lanes. Thank you for your consideration.

23 days ago

Wasted money as it's already a light controlled intersection

24 days ago

The red flashing light on route three and adding time on the light between the red light and when the other intersection turns green would prevent a lot of the issues with the accidents involving left turns. It would cause a pause for the vehicles turning along with giving the traffic more time to clear if they continue at the yellow light as it turns red. From my understanding, this is where a large number of the accidents have occurred.

24 days ago

Double the length of turning lanes. Install varying speed limit signs such as what's on 95, in order to slow traffic during busy hours. Clear trees so you can see farther while turning onto 3 from orange plank. Make the right hand turn from orange plank onto 3 more obtuse so that people can enter 3 faster and not swing into the farther lane.

25 days ago

VDOT needs to travel these roads daily during rush hour to understand the actual need of the people who live here; and not implement an idea that has been used before in a different location.

25 days ago

Look at the intersection of Brock Rd and Orange Plank. At times it backs up to Fawn Lake.

25 days ago

Having lived off Orange Plank for 20 years now, the left hand turn from Rt 3 to Orange plank has been steadily increasing in traffic flow and the "close calls" have become more frequent.

25 days ago

See above

25 days ago

Talk to New Jersey.

25 days ago

Please improve the intersection at Orange Plank and Brock.

26 days ago

Either extending the turn lane on 3 or widening it to a double lane would make more sense. You would have to move the Orange Plank road over to the right, expand the intersection to accommodate that, and continue allowing a left turn onto 3. Instead of VDOT using cheap "fixes", it would be more beneficial to invest more money in real road solutions.

26 days ago

Please survey the intersection of Brock Road and Orange Plank Road for a better design.

26 days ago

Make that whole area into a rotary this way both sides have to slow down but it makes for a safer entry and exit to Rt 3 🤔.

26 days ago

Intersection of Brock rd. And orange plank needs help too

26 days ago

Change the light patterns, don't allow the flashing yellow. Increase the green turn signal time for route 3 to orange plank. Stick a no u turn sign in the ground.

26 days ago

I don't believe a u-turn at the crossover is a good idea for all traffic heading west.

26 days ago

Stop light so those making u turns can do so safer.

26 days ago

make route 621 wider and slow speed or flashing light

26 days ago

Canx project

26 days ago

Conduct more research . Schools start up the end of August .. you haven't seen traffic until you've waited at that intersection around 7 am . It's that way in both the mornings as well as from 2:30-4 pm in the weekday afternoons .

Traffic is intense now .. VDOT is behind in the planning for this area . Controlling speed of large tractor trailers would also be a help .. that traffic has greatly increased since Walmart in locust grove was built .

26 days ago

It's not needed. There's a signal already, if people are so dumb they can't figure it out, wasting money is not going to solve the problem.

26 days ago

Ingress from Orange plank to Rt3 is at an incline within a short turn. Suggest moving the intersection west and eliminate the incline while leveling the approach would also give the county the ability to clear the intersection to improve visibility and put in correct turn lanes. The area is already growing and will ultimately need the investment anyway.

26 days ago

Please EXTEND left turn lane on to Orange Plank- very hazardous for stopped vehicles in overflow from this lane with cars passing in excess of 55+mph with limited visibility and no barriers.

26 days ago

Has the current traffic data been collected and modelled for the change? I just see fairly high speed WB 3 traffic at the rcut.

26 days ago

I fail to understand why traffic lights at this intersection are not the same as most other intersections where U-turns are allowed controlled by left turn lights and red lights with no right on red turns for the other street(s) involved.

26 days ago

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